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New Campus Bids Opened

Mount Wachusett Community College has been advised by the Massachusetts Bureau of Building Construction that Granger Bros., Inc. of Worcester, Mass. will be issued a contract in the near future for the building of the new MWCC campus.

Out of the 11 contractors bidding for the job, Granger Bros. submitted the lowest offer which was in the amount of \$9,527,368. It is expected that the firm will be on the new site with equipment during the month of March.

Richard Jeffrey, Dean of Administration, said that the bid was three million dollars less than the cost originally estimated by the architect. He hopes that this low bid may permit the completion of other facilities at the new campus which could have been eliminated by a prohibitively high bid.

Evening Division Plans To Open Bolton Campus

Professor Otto Eckardt, MWCC's Director of Evening Studies, has announced plans for the establishment of a new off-campus center in Bolton.

This fourth campus will open in September of 1972, and classes will be conducted at Nashoba Regional High School. The Bolton campus will serve the towns of Clinton, Lancaster, Stow, Maynard, Acton, Northboro, Marlboro, Hudson, Leominster, Boylston, Sterling, Concord, and Littleton.

According to Professor Eckardt, "Mount Wachusett was selected from a list of ten area colleges to offer a comprehensive program of college level as well as community service type courses."

"Although a specific selection of courses has not been finalized as yet, it is my estimate that we shall offer between thirty and forty courses and draw between 200 to 300 students as an initial enrollment."

Professor Eckardt also stated that the new Athol Campus opened successfully this February. There are currently 125 students enrolled with 153 course registrations and 15 different courses are being offered.

MWCC Foundation Established



Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of MWCC (second from left), is shown with Board of Directors of the recently founded Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc., including (from left) Keith Lauer, Dr. Haley, C. Gordon Bell, president; Mrs. David Markowitz, secretary, and C. William Wester, treasurer.

(photo courtesy of The Gardner News)

The Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc. recently held its second meeting. The Foundation has been legally incorporated with the state and certified with the Internal Revenue Service.

According to Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of MWCC "Public institutions of higher education, unlike private institutions which are able to fund scholarships, research, and other extracurricular activities by endowments, gifts, and donations, have been traditionally unable to develop these activities."

"The Foundation was established in order to allow the college to carry on these goals without being funded by public resources, as well as enabling it to increase its assistance to the students and faculty and add to the enrichment of the community it serves."

Numerous goals for the Foundation have been established. These included the support and promotion of excellence in education and research; and the giving of assistance to all persons in the

Central Massachusetts area in acquiring education, learning, culture and vocational skills.

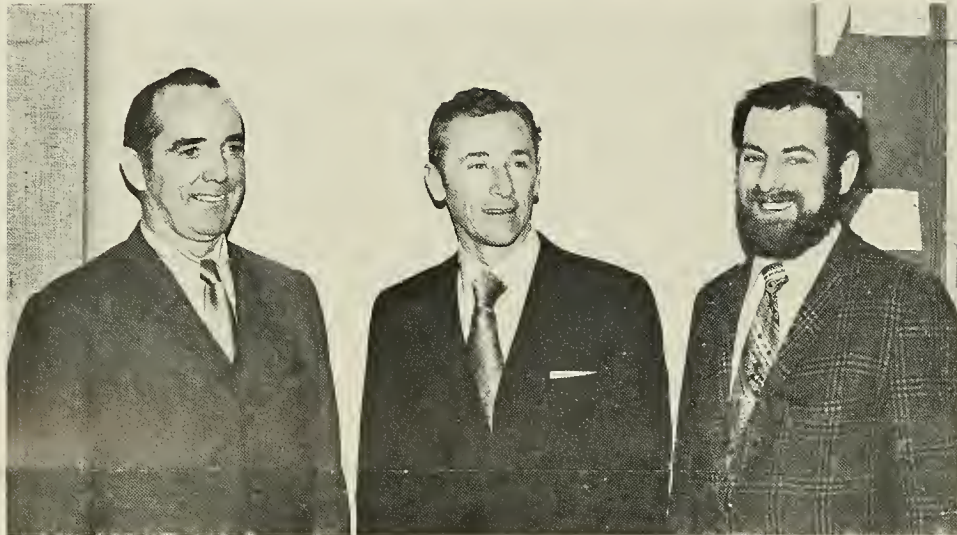
The Foundation is also going to establish, implement, and promote a program of annual donations to the college and will initiate a long range fund raising drive to assist in the expansion, growth, and improvement of the educational, social, and research functions of the college.

A portion of the money raised will go to the creation of an endowment fund for the exclusive benefit of the college, and other accounts and deposits will be used for short term projects and objectives.

C. Gordon Bell, President of the Gardner News, Inc., has been elected president of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Serving with Mr. Bell are Mrs. David Markowitz, secretary, and C. William Wester, treasurer. Other members of the Board of Directors are Frank K. Hirons, Keith Lauer and Edward G. Warkins.

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Humanities Division Sponsors Seminar for Community College English Depts.



Dr. Samuel J. O'Neill (left), Chairman of Humanities at Mount Wachusett Community College welcomed Dr. John H. Fisher (center), Professor of English at State University of New York College at Oswego, during a meeting of community college English instructors at which Fisher was the featured speaker. Mr. James P. Cooney (right), an English instructor at Mount Wachusett Community College, was co-ordinator of the day's activities.

Representatives from English departments of the Massachusetts regional community colleges met recently at MWCC. The purpose of the meeting was to enable the teachers to formulate methods by which greater communication could be achieved on matters of mutual academic, professional and pedagogical interest.

The meeting was sponsored by Mount Wachusett's English Department under the direction of Dr. Samuel J. O'Neill, Chairman of the Division of Humanities. According to English instructor James P. Cooney, coordinator of the conference, "We found out at an earlier meeting this year at Quinsigmond Community College that the discussion of our mutual problems was most valuable. There is some excellent talent in the various college English departments, and we want to find a way to bring these people and their ideas together on a continuing basis."

Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of Mount Wachusett Community College, delivered the welcoming remarks to the group which included representatives of Massachusetts Bay, Bristol, Berkshire, Greenfield, Holyoke, Springfield, Quinsigmond, Northern Essex and North Shore Community College.

The featured speaker for the day's activities was Dr. John H. Fisher, Professor of English at State University of New York, College at Oswego. Dr. Fisher is a noted linguistics scholar who has recently published research on the teaching of English as a foreign language.

He served for two years as executive secretary of the New York State English Council and offered insights into the values of professional organization of people involved in the field of teaching English. Dr. Fisher urged the group
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Students Hear Expert on Laos

Walter Johnson, a fellow at the University of Massachusetts Center for International Education, visited the campus and discussed the situation in Laos with the students of Marie Strazar's Contemporary Issues and Modern Asia Classes.

Mr. Johnson served as head of the International Voluntary Services in Malaysia and Laos from 1965 to 1970. He traced the historical development of the war in Laos, and American involvement there, and presented an analysis of the country itself, its politics, and its people.

The future of war torn Laos is rather gloomy, according to Johnson, because of its position as a buffer state between the Vietnamese and Thais. The country has become a war game center for the major world powers, and the people of the country are the losers in the game.

Mr. Johnson feels that the situation is even more complex because of the strife within the country between its various ethnic groups. The conflict has been going on for centuries, and Mr. Johnson foresees that the condition will, unfortunately, continue for a long time to come.



Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, David M. Bartley, recently spoke to a capacity audience at Mount Wachusett Community College. Speaker Bartley's topic was the "Economics of Politics." His lecture was sponsored by the MWCC Economics Club.

Five New Members Join Teaching Staff

Two new full-time faculty members and three part-time instructors have joined MWCC's growing staff for the spring semester.

Phyllis Shapiro has been added to the Division of Science and Technology as a full-time mathematics instructor. Miss Shapiro has taught at Middlesex Community College and recently worked in industry as a computer programmer. She earned her B.A. at the University of New York at Buffalo and a master's degree at the University of Illinois.

Appointed as a full-time faculty member in the Division of Social Sciences, William Welch is teaching history. Mr. Welch has taught at Quinsigamond Community College, at Dover High School and Ashland High School, and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maine. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College.

Robert Sawyer is teaching a course in television production as part of the Public Communications Curriculum. A graduate of the University of Mass., Mr. Sawyer has an extensive background in the television industry. He has worked at various television stations and is now employed as a producer-director at WSMW, channel 27 in Worcester.

The other new part-timer in the Division of Social Sciences is Dana C. Kuhn, Director of the Crime Scene Search Program for the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. Mr. Kuhn served as a criminalist with the Boston Police Department for 10 years, and has taught at the State University of New York at Farmingdale. He is teaching a course in criminalistics for the law enforcement curriculum.

Richard Bentley is teaching chemistry in the Division of Science and Technology while Associate Professor Herman Gelwasser is on sabbatical. He has nine years of professional experience in physics and chemistry. Mr. Bentley received a B.S. in chemistry from Long Island University and a M.S. in physics from Northeastern University.

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The Foundation has no paid employees. Currently its assets consist of three unsolicited cash donations, one from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation and two from the college's Student Council. As of yet, there has been no distribution of funds.



Four secretaries have recently joined the MWCC office staff. Left to right, top, Mary Horton of Gardner works in the business office. Nellie Grucan of Gardner has joined the Evening Division's secretarial staff. Bottom row, left to right, Jeanne Goguen of Gardner is secretary to the Mental Health Curriculum as well as to the Division of Social Sciences, and Lois Piano of Leominster is the secretary for the Division of Science and Technology. Both Jeanne and Lois are graduates of MWCC's Secretarial Studies Curriculum.

College Proposes New Campus Site For Community Skating Rink

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has appropriated \$1.25 million for the building of a closed structured skating rink in Gardner. The Gardner city fathers requested the funding because there is no such facility in the area within easy commuting distance.

There is great interest in skating in the community. Gardner High School introduced hockey to its varsity sports schedule this year, and this season marked the first time that MWCC's hockey team has played a full schedule.

Dean of Administration Richard P. Jeffrey has stated that the college would support locating the skating rink at its

new campus site. The area that Dean Jeffrey has in mind is adjacent to Matthews Street, behind the Heywood Memorial Hospital Nurses' Quarters.

MWCC has informally discussed the offer with city leaders, Dean Jeffrey said, and the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges has been notified of the college's proposal.

Dean Jeffrey points out that, "The location of the rink at the new campus will be ideal for easy access from all areas of the city, and it will once again demonstrate the close working relationship that exists between the college and the Greater Gardner Community."

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to attempt to set up liaison between its organization and other groups of English teachers on both secondary and senior college levels.

After discussion of the problems involved in setting up a viable organization, the group decided to organize under the name of the Community College English Association, and pursue its activities for the time being, as a representative body, which will meet periodically to discuss current topics.

Each representative will be responsible

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for reporting back to the members of his own department the results of discussions in the Association. Moreover, each representative will disseminate articles of interest at his own college. Professor William R. Sweeney of Greenfield Community College agreed to maintain a file of all material distributed in this manner by the Association.

The group further determined that the first of these periodic meetings should be held during the first week in May of this year, at a location to be determined shortly.

Ecology Club Plans Activities

The MWCC Ecology Club is engaged in quite a few community projects this semester. The club plans to show weekly films on ecological subjects in the cafeteria on Thursdays at noon.

Several field trips are scheduled to such places as the Museum of Science in Boston and the Plum Island Bird Sanctuary.

The club also hopes to sponsor speakers during the semester, such as Paul Ehrlich and/or Paul Shepard. An ecology information table in the first floor lobby of the Elm Street campus is also being organized.

The major project which the club plans to engage in starting this semester is a land acquisition project in Lancaster, Massachusetts, which is part of the Nashua River Watershed Association's "Greenbelt Plan."

The MWCC Ecology Club is a charter member of the Nashua River Watershed Association. The principle idea of the land acquisition project is to buy a piece of land along the Nashua River and to sell shares of the land to interested citizens on a square-foot basis.

When the entire piece has been sold by share, the land will be turned over to the Town of Lancaster to be set aside as public domain for the purposes of conservation and beautification for the future.

It is hoped that this project will spur other land acquisition projects by conservation groups and town and city governments. The ultimate goal of the "Greenbelt Plan" is to obtain control of all land along the Nashua River and its tributaries and to conserve and beautify it for posterity.

Campus Notes

The MWCC Evening Division reported a record student enrollment for the spring semester. Nine hundred forty-two students are enrolled, and there are 1,239 course registrations. In comparison, during the first semester of this current academic year, there were 708 student enrollments and 1,116 course registrations.

Mrs. Mickey Bent of the Humanities Division is currently in rehearsal with her original musical, "Trust Me," which will be presented on April 13, 14, and 15.

Seven members of Charles Snow's cost accounting class attended a recent meeting of the Mass. North Central Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. Issues relevant to Massachusetts and federal income tax laws were discussed during the session.

The downtown campus is the site of the new MWCC Art Gallery. During February a three-man exhibition of the

works of students James Morris, Michael Remillard, and Allen Scott was held. Throughout the month of March there will be an exhibition of student works from the fall semester's Design, Drawing, and Media classes. The gallery is open daily to the public from 8-5.

The three members of MWCC's biology staff are attending seminars sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Assistant Professor Ted Filteau and Peter Trincherio are studying biology curriculum development, and Assistant Professor Walter Ballou is participating in a seminar on air pollution.

Assistant Professor Carl Tammi, the organizer of the recent student-faculty basketball game, proudly announced that the contest earned over \$300 for the college's student scholarship fund. Mr. Tammi who was also coach of the faculty team was not so proud of the game score. The students won 91-86.

The Art Curriculum of the Division of Humanities is sponsoring a Visual Arts Film Series during the Spring semester. There will be three showings of each film on the day scheduled in room 701 of the Pearl Street Campus.

The public is invited, and there is no admission charge. Call 632-8299 for the times of the showings.

The films scheduled are: "The Renaissance Beginning in Italy," April 4; "Rembrandt, Painter of Man," April 18; "Michelangelo," April 21; "Bernini's Rome," April 27; and "Claes Oldenburg," May 16.